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SUBJECT: SOVIET- YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

1. A SOVIET EMBASSY SOURCE ANTICIPATES FURTHER EXPANSION OF YUGOSLAV- SOVIET SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOLLOWING THE MARCH 20 SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL CALLING FOR EXCHANGES OF DOCUMENTATION AND EXPERTS DURING 1973 AND SPECIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN VARIOUS YUGOSLAV AND SOVIET SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTES. PROTOCOL SIGNED BY OTTO DENES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF YUGOSLAV FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, AND V. A. KONYUSHKO, DEPARTMENT HEAD, SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
 2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, 130 YUGOSLAV SPECIALISTS WILL GO TO USSR IN 1973 FOR RESEARCH MAINLY IN FIELDS OF CHEMICAL, NON- FERROUS METALLURGY, ELECTRONICS AND OIL INDUSTRIES. JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS WILL PURSUED BY ENERGOGINVEST RESEARCH CENTER IN SARAJEVO AND PATON INSTITUTE OF LIEV. ALSO FOOD PROCESSING
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INSTITUTE OF NOVI SAD AND JAROSLAV CERNI INSTITUTE OF BELGRADE
WILL UNDERTAKE PROGRAMS WITH SOVIET OPPOSITE NUMBERS.

3. AT RECENT SOVIET EMBASSY RECEPTION IN BELGRADE, EMBASSY OFFICER
RECEIVED INTERESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAV-
SOVIET SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES FROM SOVIET EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY
BORIS PETROV, DEPUTY TO SOVIET SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR VALENTIN
TEREKHOV. KETROV IMPLIED THAT NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED IN
MOSCOW PROVIDES FOR EXPANSION OF GOY- USSR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
IN 1973. IN 1972, HE SAID, ABOUT 450 SOVIET EXPERTS CAME TO
YUGOSLAVIA AND ABOUT 800 YUGOSLAV EXPERTS WENT TO USSR. THESE
FIGURES INCLUDED MEDICAL DOCTORS, MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AND
ENGINEERS IN ADDITION TO SCEINTISTS. PETROV INDICATED SOVIETS
PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN RESEARCH IN CHEMICAL AND COMPUTER
TECHNOLOGY RATHER THAN BASIC RE SEARCH. PETROV HIMSELF APPEARS
TO BE A COMPUTER ENGINEER WITH TRAINING IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
AT ACADEMIC CENTER NEAR NOVISIBRISK.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF INCREASING SOVIET EMPHASIS ON SCEINTIFIC
COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HAS INCLUDED ASSIGNMENT OF
SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR TEREKHOV HERE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO,
WE BELIEVE THAT BILATERAL PROGRAM FOR 1973 PROBABLY IS EX-
PANDING. YUGOSLAV SOURCES AT FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR INTER-
NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN RELUCTANT
TO CONFIRM NUMBERS OF EXPERTS BEING EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES, COMMENTING MERELY THAT PLANS FOR EXCHANGE
OF PERSONNEL STILL UNDER REVISION.
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